

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kirk Wagoner, on January 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 244, 1/10/2017; HB 173, 01/05/2017

**HEARING ON HB 173****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:21 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 173, Provide deadline for treatment plans and permanency hearings.

00:02:12 Rep. Hill Smith joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:53 Maurita Johnson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:07:25 Chuck Hunter, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh16b01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:43 Rep. Hill Smith  
00:10:46 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:11:29 Rep. Hill Smith  
00:12:00 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:12:47 Rep. Dunwell  
00:13:36 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:15:10 Rep. Dunwell  
00:15:31 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:15:41 Rep. Dunwell  
00:15:47 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:16:10 Vice Chair Karjala  
00:16:44 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:17:14 Vice Chair Karjala  
00:17:41 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:19:31 Vice Chair Karjala  
00:19:57 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:20:36 Rep. Mandeville  
00:21:01 Rep. Dudik  
00:21:38 Rep. Harris  
00:22:26 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:23:41 Rep. Harris  
00:24:09 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:24:33 Rep. Harris  
00:24:47 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:25:02 Rep. Regier  
00:25:30 Maurita Johnson, DPHHS  
00:26:02 Rep. Dudik  
00:27:22 Rep. Ricci  
00:27:42 Rep. Dudik  
00:29:34 Rep. Ricci  
00:29:46 Rep. Dudik

00:30:38 Chair Wagoner

00:30:52 Rep. Dudik

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:31 Rep. Dudik

**HEARING ON HB 244**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:09 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 244, Revise definition of elder abuse.

**[EXHIBIT\(huh16b02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:30 Barbara Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:38:33 Brant Light, Montana Attorney General's Office (AGO)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:30 Rep. Mandeville

00:40:33 Rep. Jacobson

00:41:20 Brant Light, AGO

00:44:13 Rep. Dunwell

00:44:44 Rep. Jacobson

00:45:31 Brant Light, AGO

00:46:22 Vice Chair Lenz

00:47:17 Brant Light, AGO

00:48:36 Rep. Sales

00:49:06 Rep. Jacobson

00:50:04 Chair Wagoner

00:50:58 Rep. Jacobson

00:51:45 Chair Wagoner

00:51:54 Rep. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:17 Rep. Jacobson

00:54:29 Chair Wagoner

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:54:50

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh16bad.pdf](#))